

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **COMBINATORIAL OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PCR: A METHOD FOR RAPID, GLOBAL EXPRESSION ANALYSIS**, the Specification of which:



is attached hereto.



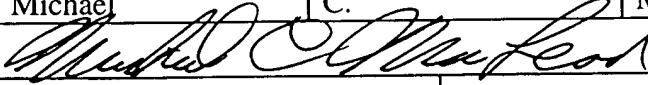
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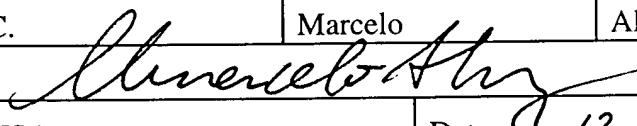
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

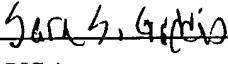
I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls be addressed to Steven L. Highlander, Arnold White & Durkee, 750 Bering Drive, Houston, Texas 77057-2198, (512) 418-3000.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE OF MY OWN KNOWLEDGE ARE TRUE AND THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF ARE BELIEVED TO BE TRUE; AND FURTHER THAT THESE STATEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS AND THE LIKE SO MADE ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH, UNDER SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE AND THAT SUCH WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MAY JEOPARDIZE THE VALIDITY OF THE APPLICATION OR ANY PATENT ISSUED THEREON.

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PATENT

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In re Application of:

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Sara Gaddis

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Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:607/HYL

DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) AND 1.27(d) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization: Board of Regents, University of Texas System

Address of Organization: 201 West 7th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

The type of organization is a university.

I hereby declare that the organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e) (1), and thus is a "small entity" as defined in § 1.9(f), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the above-referenced application.

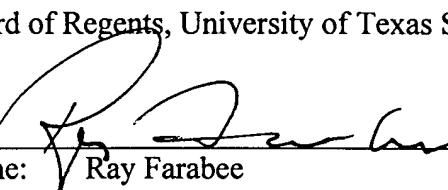
I hereby declare that exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the organization, with respect to the above-referenced invention, nor have I assigned,

granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e), with the exception that the Government may have rights in the invention pursuant to a funding agreement under 35 U.S.C. § 202(c)(4): P30ES07784-01 from NIEHS and grant number CA35581-12 from National Cancer Institute.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Board of Regents, University of Texas System

By: 

Name: Ray Farabee

Title: Vice Chancellor and
General Counsel

Date: December 14, 1999

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ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

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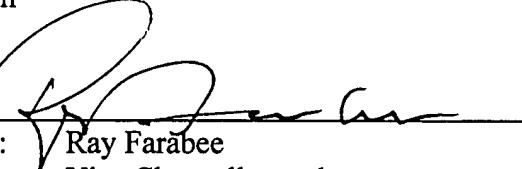
each an attorney or agent of the firm of ARNOLD WHITE & DURKEE, as its attorney or agent for so long as they remain with such firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive any Letters Patent, and for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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